SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Case No.: 01-1402

COMPLETE TITLE:

State of Wisconsin,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

V.

William H. Thornton, Jr.,

Defendant-Appellant-Petitioner.

REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Circuit Milwaukee

JUDGE:

Clare L. Fiorenza

JUSTICES:

CONCURRED:

DISSENTED:

NOT PARTICIPATING: SYKES, J., did not participate.

ATTORNEYS:

For the defendant-appellant-petitioner there were briefs by Robert R. Henak and Henak Law Office, S.C., Milwaukee, and oral argument by Robert R. Henak.

For the plaintiff-respondent the cause was William L. Gansner, assistant attorney general, with whom on the brief was Peggy A. Lautenschlager, attorney general.

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¶1 PER CURIAM. The court is equally divided on the question of whether the decision of the court of appeals, State v. Thornton, No. 01-1402, unpublished slip op. (Wis. Ct. App. March 5, 2002), should be affirmed or reversed. Justice JON P. WILCOX, Justice DAVID T. PROSSER and Justice PATIENCE D. ROGGENSACK would affirm; Chief Justice SHIRLEY S. ABRAHAMSON, Justice ANN WALSH BRADLEY, and Justice N. PATRICK CROOKS would reverse. Justice DIANE S. SYKES did not participate.

 $\P 2$ Accordingly, the decision of the court of appeals is affirmed.